Claims 21-24 have been canceled without prejudice.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Previously Presented) A portable electronic device comprising:

a processor module comprising a processor and a display;

a sliding component moveably coupled to said processor module, wherein said sliding component is operable to slide relative to said display, and wherein said sliding component is further operable to accept at least one button input from a user;

a sensing device coupled to said processor module and to said sliding component for detecting a relative position of said sliding component with respect to said display; and,

a module for performing an operation in response to a signal indicating that said one button input was pressed, wherein said operation is based on a selection of information displayed on said display at a relative position of said sliding component with respect to said display as determined coincident with said signal, and wherein said operation is based on a content of said selection of information displayed on said display.

2.   (Previously Presented) The portable electronic device of Claim 1, wherein said operation is a visual configuration of data rendered on said display.

3.   (Previously Presented) The portable electronic device of Claim 1, further comprising a wireless transmitter, and wherein said operation is an initiation of communication with another device using said wireless transmitter.

4.   (Previously Presented) The portable electronic device of Claim 1, further comprising a wireless transmitter, and wherein said operation is an initiation of communication with an external device, using said wireless transmitter.

5.   (Previously Presented) The portable electronic device of Claim 1, wherein said sensing device is a non-contact sensor device.

6.   (Previously Presented) The portable electronic device of Claim 1, wherein said display is a touch panel display forming a part of said sensing device.

7.   (Previously Presented) The portable electronic device of Claim 1, wherein said signal is initiated from said sliding component by a user pressing on an input key residing on said sliding component.

8.   (Previously Presented) A method of selecting an option in an electronic device comprising a processor module and a sliding component, said method comprising:

a) displaying information on a display screen of said processor module;

b) detecting a position of said sliding component adjacent to a portion of said information on said display screen, wherein said sliding component relative to said display screen is operable to identify said portion of said information for selection;

c) detecting a user selecting said portion of said information, wherein said selection is made by using at least one button input residing on said sliding component; and

d) invoking an operation of said electronic device related to a content of said selected portion of said information.

9.   (Previously Presented) A method as described in Claim 8 further comprising generating a position signal corresponding to a position of said sliding component relative to said display screen.

10.   (Currently Amended) A method as described in Claim 8 wherein said <u>operation</u> ~~action~~ is an execution of an application program.

11.   (Currently Amended) A method as described in Claim 8 wherein said <u>operation</u> ~~action~~ is a display of related additional information to said portion of said information.

12.   (Previously Presented) A method as described in Claim 8 wherein said selection is via a key.

13.   (Original) A method as described in Claim 8 wherein said sliding cover comprises a keyboard.

14.   (Original) A method as described in Claim 8 wherein said sliding cover further comprises a microphone.

15.   (Original) A method as described in Claim 8 wherein said sliding cover further comprises a speaker.

16.   (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium containing executable instructions stored thereon for causing an electronic device to

execute a method for configuring a visual output of a display, said method comprising:

sensing a relative position, wherein said relative position is the position of a sliding component relative to a processor module, and wherein said relative position is a partially closed position, and wherein said sliding component is operable to change the size of a dimension of said electronic device by sliding relative to said processor module;

in response to said sensing said relative position, generating said visual output on said display, wherein said visual output comprises visual objects arranged and repositioned to be viewable in response to said relative position.

17.   (Original) The computer readable medium of Claim 16, further comprising instructions for initiating an application by said processor module.

18.   (Original) The computer readable medium of Claim 16, further comprising instructions for initiating communication with an external device.

19.   (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of Claim 16, further comprising instructions for altering said visual output in response to a signal.

20.   (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of Claim 16, wherein said instructions are for a rearrangement of a previously displayed visual object.

21-24. (Canceled)

25.   (Previously Presented)   An electronic device comprising:
a display operable to render a plurality of graphical elements;
a sliding component operable to move with respect to said display to detect a viewable portion and a non-viewable portion of said display, wherein a position of said sliding component is operable to control rendering of said plurality of graphical elements within said viewable potion of said display, and wherein said position of said sliding component is further for identifying a graphical element, for selection by a user, from said plurality of graphical elements; and
a processor operable to reposition said plurality of graphical elements responsive to said position of said sliding component with respect to said display, and wherein said processor is further operable to perform an operation associated with said graphical element based on a content of said graphical element.

26.   (Previously Presented)   The electronic device as described in Claim 25 further comprising:

a sensor for detecting said position of said sliding component with respect to said display.

27.   (Previously Presented)   The electronic device as described in Claim 25, wherein said graphical element is a command to be performed by said processor.

28.   (Previously Presented)   The electronic device as described in Claim 25, wherein said sliding component is operable to accept a user input to effect said selection.

29.   (Previously Presented)   The electronic device as described in Claim 25 wherein said plurality of graphical elements are repositioned by said processor to increase viewability of said plurality of graphical objects within said viewable portion of said display.